

I attended the FCC public forum at Duke university today, on media concentration.

First, I would like to thank the FCC for holding this public hearing.

Second, I would like to voice my concerns regarding the FCC's potential decision to change any rules or regulations that result in fewer or no restrictions on media ownership. Competition in media, our airways and newspapers, is vital for the spread of ideas and information. A concentration of media in the hands of the few will stifle the exchange of ideas and information. The freedom of speech and thought are basic to American culture and they can be protected by ensuring a market of diverse media outlets. Two hundred channels on TV won't mean anything if they are owned by a handful of people/corporations.